

Art & Identity



What is “identity”?

Your identity is...

- your sense of self
- your feeling about who you are
- your sense of being “me”
- The “I” you use when you say things like “I think ...”, “I feel ...”, “I want to ...”

Who Am I? Two sub-questions

- What makes up/influences my identity?
- How do I represent my identity to the outside world?



Who Am I?

This is me.

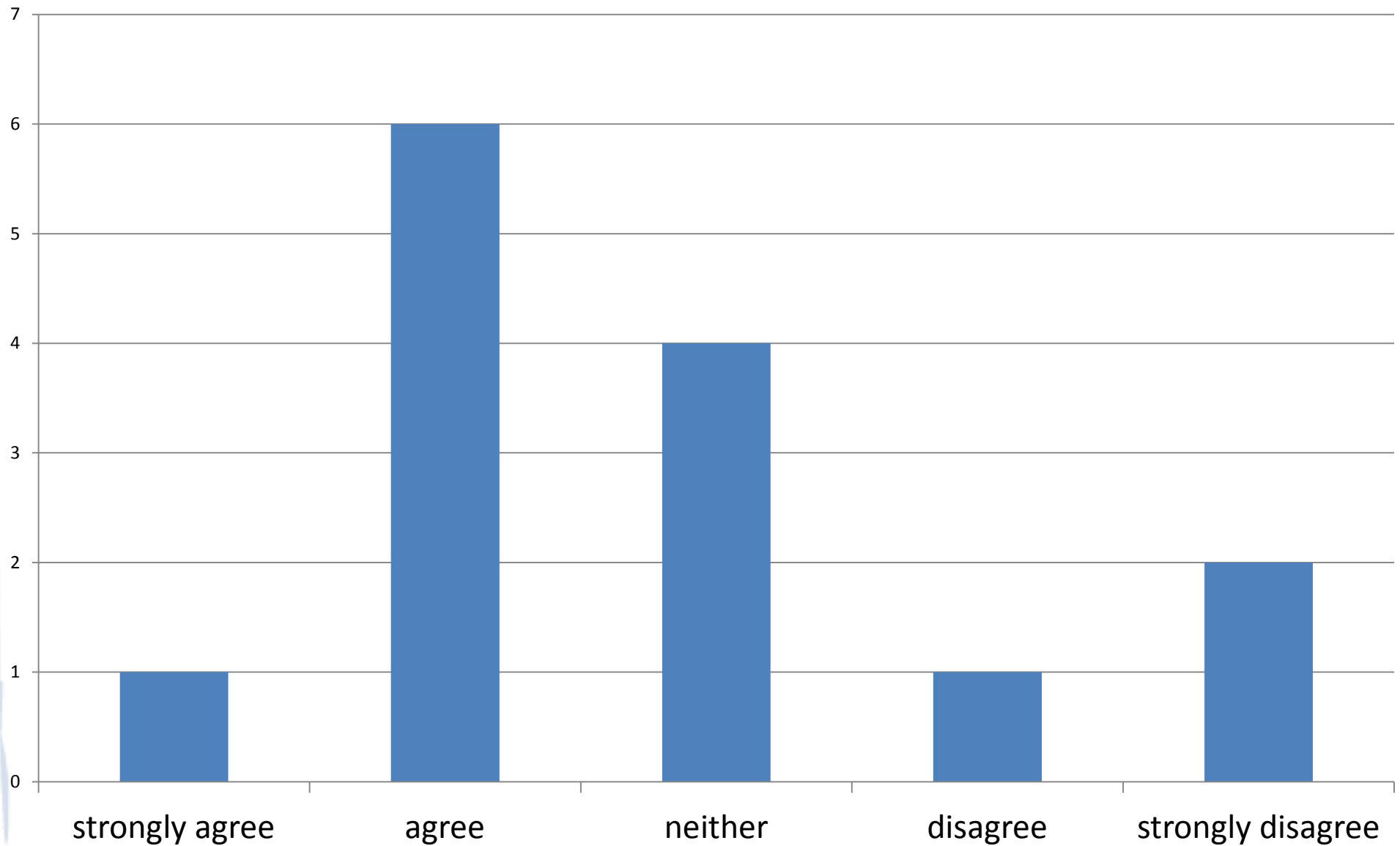
Or is it?

What makes this the same “me”
that I am now?



Your Opinions:

My identity will stay the same throughout my life



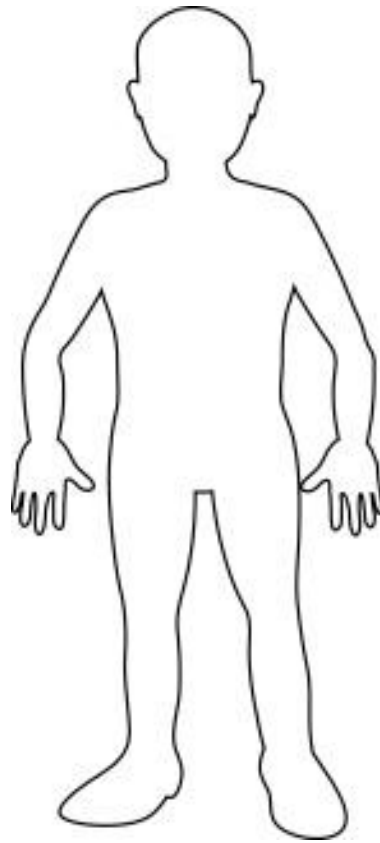
Your questions:

When does someone's
identity begin to develop?

Your questions:

Discussing young peoples'
identities/trying to discover your
identity

What defines your personal identity?

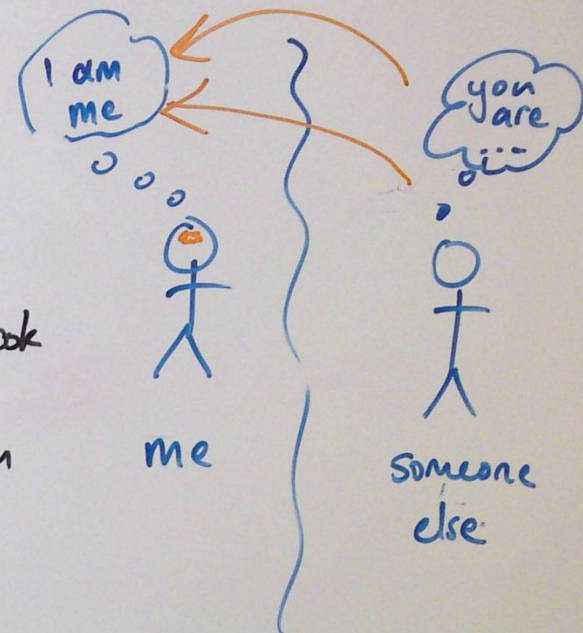


Things that make up our identity

- height
- handwriting
- confident
- creativity
- strangeness
- siblings
- face
- gender
- sexual organs
- brain
- face
- skin colour
- DNA
- face/eyes
- family
- height
- morals
- features
- knowledge
- eyesight
- religious beliefs
- memories
- stories
- voice
- sense of humour
- thinking
- interests
- name (symbol)
- skills
- temper
- likes/dislikes
- individuality
- culture language
- way you dress
- independence
- look
- energy
- personality
- maturity
- effort
- attitude
- sexuality
- gender
- values
- hair colour
- beliefs
- how you look
- food you like
- style
- music
- TV shows (D.A.)

IDENTITY

identity is "social"



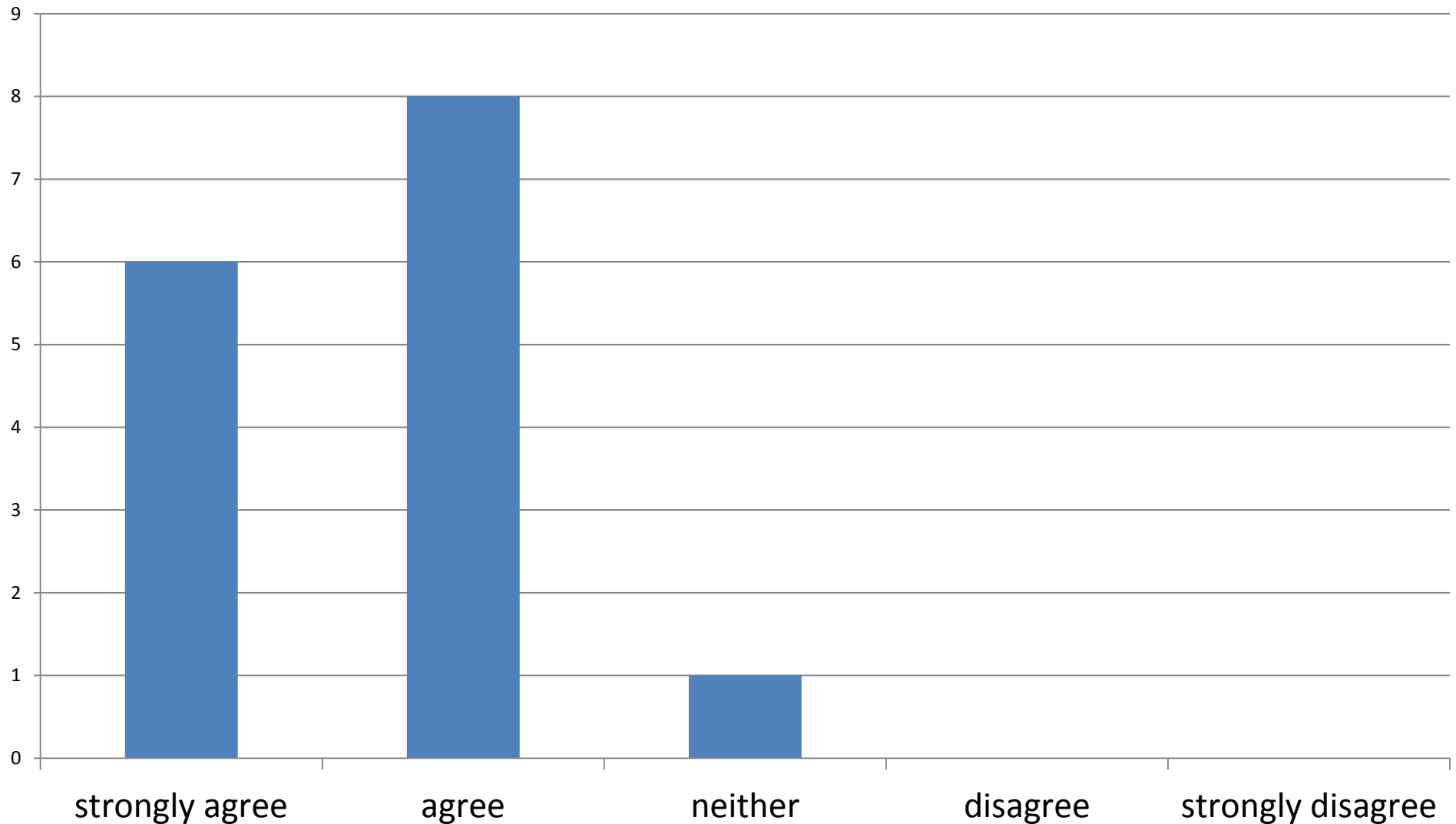
Does
identity = personality?
identity = behaviour?

Would your identity be the same if...?

- You started wearing totally different clothes?
- You lost all your possessions?
- You changed or forgot your name?
- You spoke a new language and forgot your first language?
- You got an organ transplant or lost a limb?
- You forgot all your memories of your life?

Your Opinions:

My identity is something I have significant control/choice over



Social Role-Play - Rules

- **Do not look at your card.**
- Do not tell anyone else their card value.
- The aim:
- You must try pair up with someone who has a card of a higher value than yours.
- You may speak to others to try to convince them to pair up with you.
- When you are paired up – sit down.

Social Role-Play - Reflection

- Predict the value of your card, but **do not look at your card.**
- With your partner discuss:
 - How you predicted your card's value.
 - Were you close? Why? Why not?
 - How did you feel during the mixing session? Why?

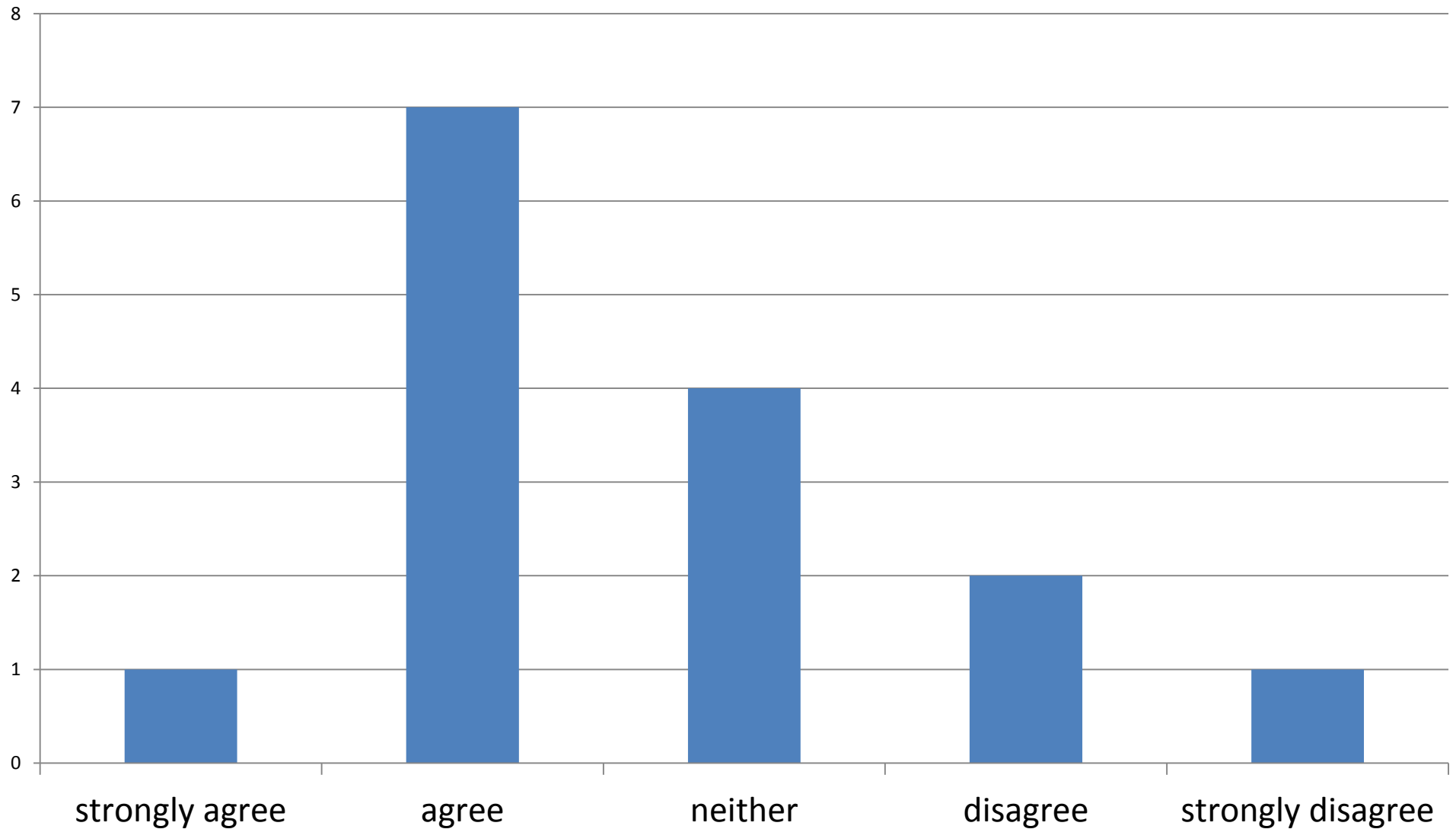
Social Role-Play - Reflection

In fours discuss:

- What does this game tell you? Why did we do this activity?
- What kind of role did you play? What kind of person did you represent?
- What does this tell you about identity?
- How do others around us affect how we think about ourselves? Should this be so?
- How much control do we have over our identity?

Your Opinions:

My identity is strongly influenced by the groups I belong to



.Can you not have an identity?

• Yes..... Or No?



**Your future Or
Your past?**

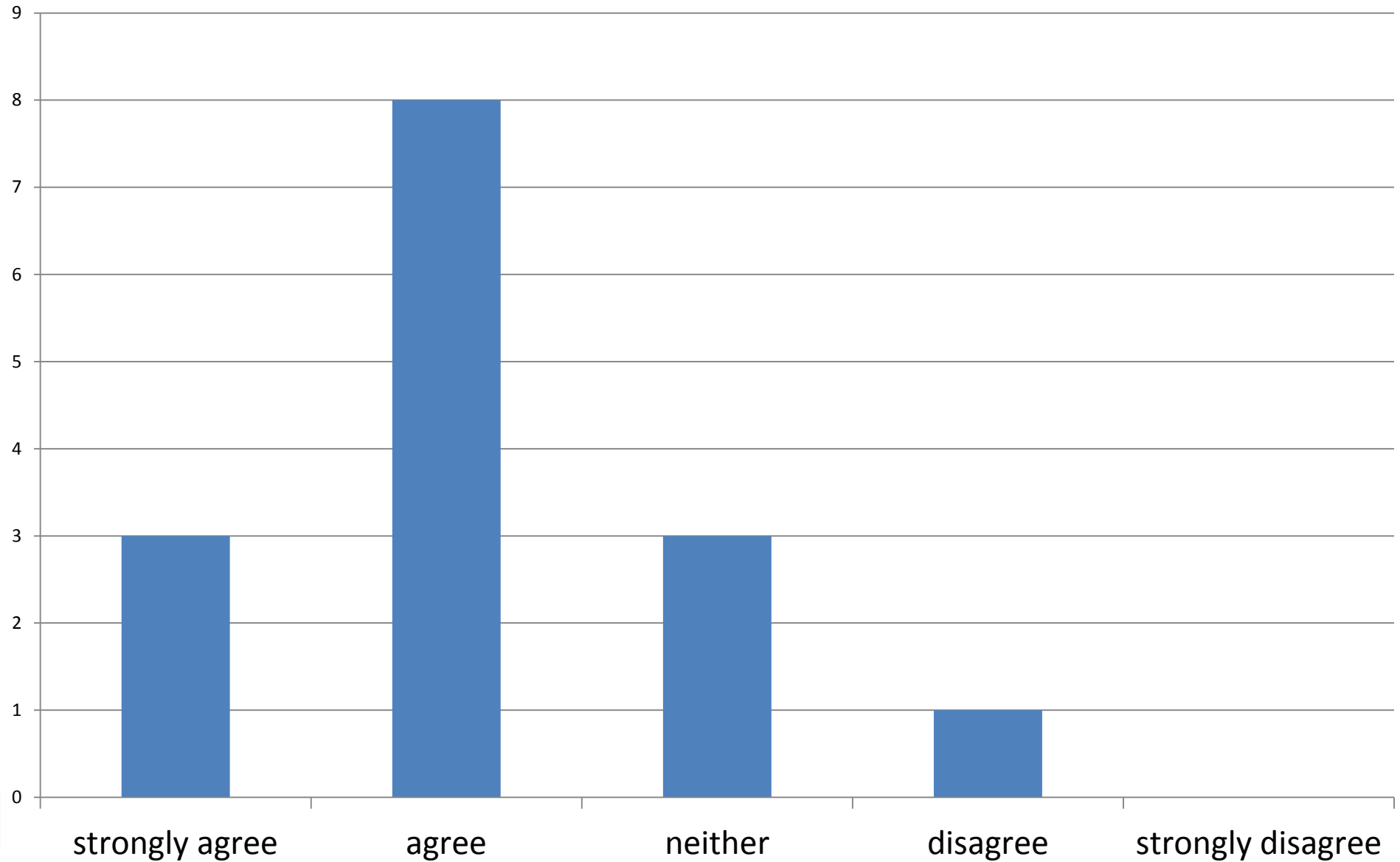
Is your identity

Your body..... or

Your mind?

Your Opinions:

People can have more than one identity



So what different identities do teenagers
have?

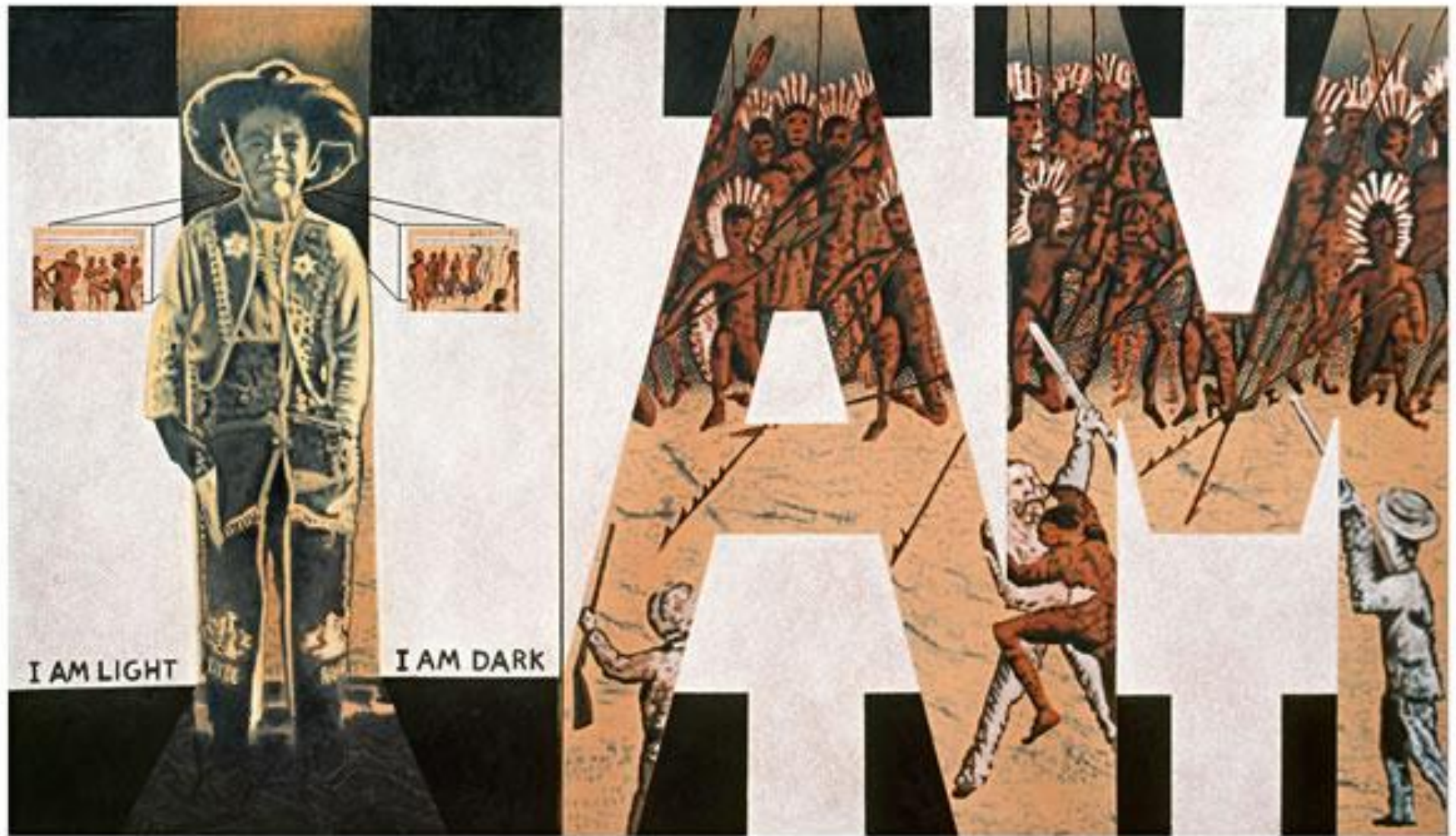
Multiple Identities: Who Am I...

What is the most important aspect of your identity:

- At home?
- At school?
- When getting changed for sport?
- With friends?

Your questions:

How/Why someone
changes around different
people?



Gordon Bennett Self portrait (But I always wanted to be one of the good guys) 1990

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- How does Gordon Bennet **represent** his identity?
- How does Bennet depict his **multiple** identities?
- What are the **relationships** between these identities? (harmony, tension, conflict?)



Mick Dodson by Jandamarra Cadd

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- How does Jandamarra **represent** Mick's identity?
- How does Jandamarra depict Mick's **multiple** identities?
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Representing Identity

ARTWORKS FROM THE NGV



Bronte Berenger

I promise never to get
paint on my glasses
again



Claire Cato

I killed Teddy



Renee
Beanland

Self-portrait



Nick Symeou

Attached



Claudia Main

Self-portrait



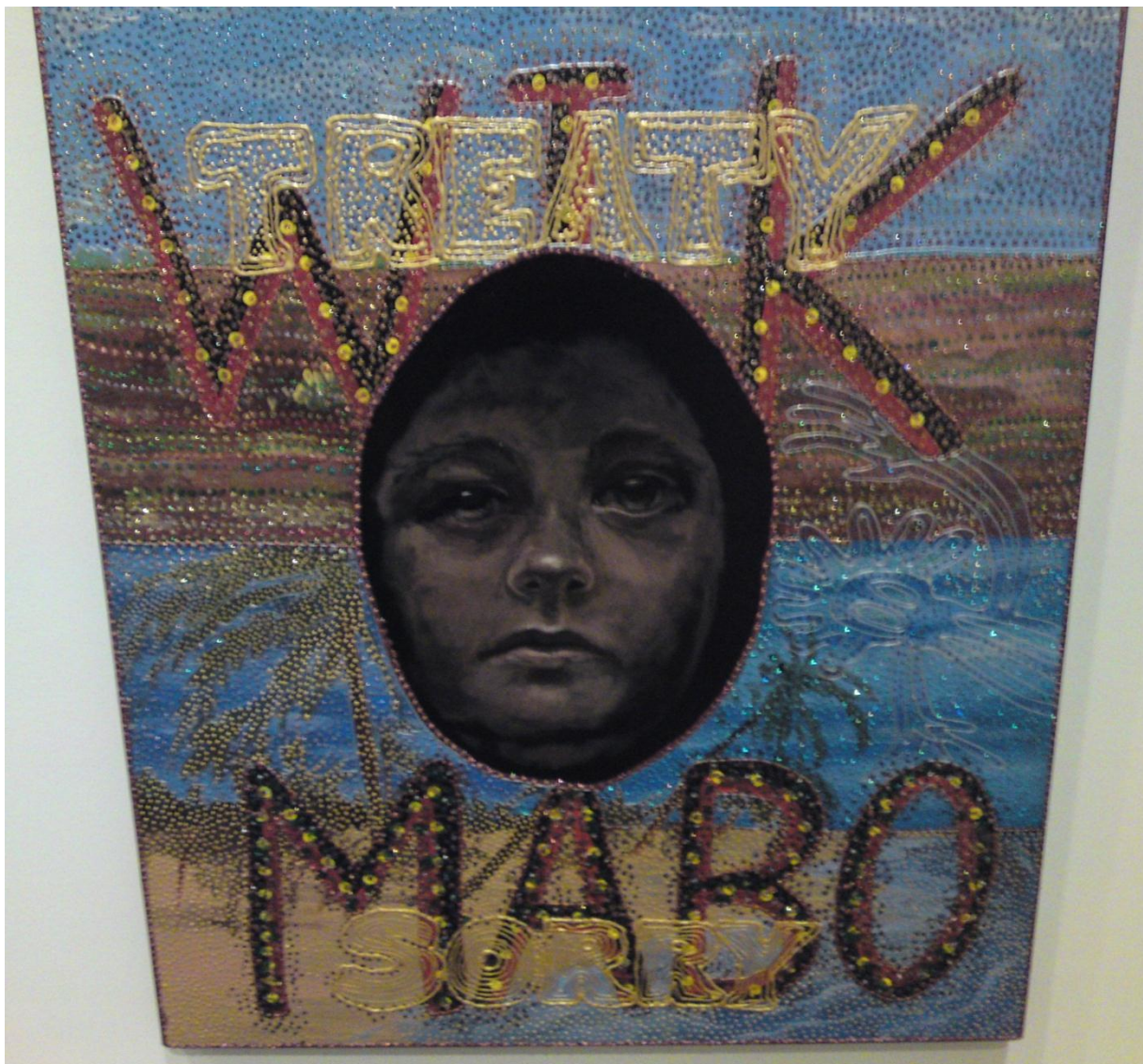
Phoebe Kramer

Identities



John Nixon

Self-portrait (non-objective composition) – black and red



Julie Dowling

Federation Series



Dr Julian
Smith

Self-portrait